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SUBJECT: GOT REPORTEDLY MOUNTING CAMPAIGN TO DISSUADE
TUNISIAN WORKERS FROM GOING TO LIBYA

1. LOCAL PRESS FEB 19 REPORTS MEETING OF INTER-MINISTERIAL COUNCIL FEB 18 TO EXAMINE THE SITUATION OF THE TUNISIAN "COLONY" ABOARD. SEVEN MINISTERS ATTENDED MEETING INCLUDING MIN INTERIOR TAHAR BELKHODJA, PLUS GOT AMBASSADOR TO PARIS HEDI MABROUK. PRESS REPORTS BELKHODJA DEPARTED LATER SAME DAY FOR FRANCE ALONG WITH HIS DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION IN ORDER "TO STUDY FRENCH EXPERIENCE IN REGIONAL REFORM".

2. ACCORDING TO UNCONFIRMED REPORT OF EMBASSY FSL, INTERMINISTERIAL MEETING AND PROBABLY BELKHODJA VISIT TO PARIS ARE CONNECTED WITH RECENT REPORTS THAT LIBYANS HAVE BEEN URGING TUNISIAN WORKERS IN FRANCE TO COME TO LIBYA IF THEY DISSATISFIED IN FRANCE.

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SAME SOURCE INDICATES LIBYAN BORDER AUTHORITIES NOW

ADMITTING ANY TUNISIAN WHO PRESENTS HIMSELF AT LIBYAN BORDER EVEN WITHOUT PASSPORT. HOWEVER, TUNISIANS CONTINUING TO EXERCISE CLOSE CONTROL OVER ALL TUNISIANS GOING TO LIBYA AT BORDER CHECKPOINTS.

3. OUR FSL ALSO REPORTS THAT TUNISIAN PRESS SERVICE (TAP) HAS DISPATCHED PHOTOGRAPHERS AND JOURNALISTS TO BORDER TO REPORT ON "EXPULSION OF 1500 TUNISIANS FROM LIBYA BY LIBYANS". ACCORDING TO HIS UNCONFIRMED REPORT, THESE ARE TUNISIANS WHO ATTEMPTED TO CROSS INTO LIBYA AND WERE STOPPED BY GOT AUTHORITIES.

4. COMMENT: BELIEVE FEB 18 MEETING AND BELKHODJA DEPARTURE FOR PARIS MAY BE RELATED TO LIBYAN OVERTURES TO TUNISIAN WORKERS IN FRANCE AND PERHAPS TO SOME OVERTURES FROM FEAR TUNISIAN OPPOSITION AS WELL. WE DOUBT BELKHODJA HAS GONE TO PARIS JUST TO STUDY REGIONAL REFORM, WHICH IS ALREADY WELL UNDERWAY IN TUNISIA.
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